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7-8, 1973

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP ON COAL HAD DETAILED,  
PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MANDATE AND DRAFT OUTLINE OF REPORT  
INTENDED AS CONTRIBUTION TO OECD LONG- TERM ENERGY STUDY.  
PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM HIGH- LEVEL CONSULTANT WHO WILL BE  
ENGAGED TO DIRECT OVERALL STUDY, GROUP DECIDED TO TACKLE CHAPTERS  
I ( COAL SUPPLY SITUATION), II ( NEW TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH), AND V ( FUTURE TRENDS IN WORLD COAL TRADE) OF REF.  
B. END INTRO AND SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT WILL DRAFT FIRST SECTION OF CHAPTER I ON BASIS  
AVAILABLE DATA. INFORMATION WILL BE GATHERED ON REMAINING  
SECTIONS AND ON CHAPTERS II AND V BY MEANS OF QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH  
WAS PREPARED AFTER MEETING BY CHAIRMAN ( HARRY R. JOHNSON, U. S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR), RAPPORTEUR ( F. LONG, EC COMMISSION),  
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AND SECRETARIAT. REPLIES DUE BY JULY 31, 1973.

3. AT REQUEST OF GROUP, US AGREED TO PROVIDE FIRST DRAFT OF CHAPTER II BASED ON REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. KING, HEAD OF SCIENCE DIRECTORATE, INDICATED COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY HAD ESTABLISHED AD HOC GROUP TO CONSIDER CST CONTRIBUTION TO OECD LONG- TERM ENERGY STUDY, WHICH WOULD NO DOUBT BE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH COAL GROUP AS APPROPRIATE, THOUGH IT WAS LIKELY TO TAKE RATHER LONG- TERM POINT OF VIEW.

4. COAL GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN DURING FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. AT THAT TIME, WITH BASIC INFORMATION IN HAND AND KEEPING IN MIND VIEWS OF HIGH- LEVEL CONSULTANT, IT WILL DEVELOP ANALYSIS CALLED FOR IN REMAINING CHAPTERS OF REF. B. IT WAS AGREED THAT CHAPTER III ( ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW ECONOMICALLY VIABLE INDUSTRIAL EXPLOITATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES) WOULD BE KEY PART OF REPORT.

5. MISSION COMMENT: SENSITIVITY DISPLAYED BY DELEGATIONS FROM A FEW COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE TAKEN DECISIONS TO PHASE OUT THEIR COAL- MINING INDUSTRIES SUGGESTS THAT GROUP WILL HAVE TO DRAFT ITS CONCLUSIONS WITH CARE, BUT NO MAJOR DIFFICULTY APPEARS LIKELY ON THIS SCORE. SECRETARIAT AND SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED PLEASURE TO MISSION OFFICER OVER COMPETENCE OF US CHAIRMAN OF GROUP AND HIS EXCELLENT GRASP OF SUBJECT MATTER UNDER REVIEW.  
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